(എ) സിവിൽ സപ്ലൈസ് ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ അതുകയുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ എത്രപേരുണ്ടെന്നും അവരുടെ ശമ്പളത്തോതു് എത്രയെന്നുമുള്ള ഒരു ലിസ്റ്റ് ഈ കെശൻസിൽ മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ;

(ബി) ഇതുകൊണ്ടു നാട്ടുകാക്കു വല്ല ഗുണവുമുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എം. പോൾ:

(എ) ഇതോടുകൂടി ചേർക്കുന്ന ലിസ്റ്റു് നോക്കുക.

(ബി) ഉണ്ടു്.

List showing the scale of pay

Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
450	200 to 300	160	145	100 to 125	80 to 100	60 to 80	40 to 60	25 to 40	25	15	14	13	12	11	Total
1	3	1	1	5	6	5	47	68	132	195	2	3	78	16	563

മിസ്റ്റർ എൻ. വി. സുബ്ബരായൻ ചെട്ടിയാർ: അവിടെ ജന്മികൾക്കൊന്നും റേഷൻ കാർഡു കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. റേഷൻകാർഡു ഇല്ലാത്തവർക്കു ഫെയർ പ്രൈസ് ഷാപ്പുകളിൽനിന്നു് പഞ്ചസാരയും, മണ്ണെണ്ണയും കിട്ടുന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതു് രണ്ടും ശരിക്കു കൊടുക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ട ഏർപ്പാടു ചെയ്യാമോ ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: The complaint of the Hon'ble Member is that those who have not received ration cards for rice do not get sugar and kerosene oil. We have given written instructions that those who have not been given ration cards for rice should also be issued sugar and kerosene and it is enough that their names are entered in a Register. If any case in which it is not done is brought to my notice I will surely take action.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam)*: In view of the coming harvest will the Government be pleased to allow an increased supply of kerosene oil in the rural part ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We are making arrangements for that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether in the list we have got officers other than field officers ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: We have got a few field officers who are substantively on Rs. 60—80 grade, and all the rest come under Re. 40—60.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: In view of the prices of commodities, will the Government be pleased to see that the persons drawing Rs. 15 to Rs. 11, are given something more ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: They are getting dearness allowance of Rs. 6.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: What is the price of a bag of rice at present ?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Rs. 25.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: So the lowest man if he has got a family of 5 or 6 children, would not have enough to purchase even a bag of rice.

Mr. President: The present ration of rice works at a lesser consumption of rice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: The index of living has gone up high.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know whether this list takes in officers of the Special Inspection Staff.

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes, except one Head Constable and two constables.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു് ഓർഡർ കൊടുത്തിട്ടും അവർക്കു പഞ്ചസാരയും മണ്ണെണ്ണയും കിട്ടുന്നില്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു വളരെ അന്യായമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗൗരവമായി അന്വേഷിച്ചു ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണു്.

SECTION AND WORK SUPERINTENDENTS IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

126. Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how many Section Superintendents and Work Superintendents are there in the Public Works Department ;

(b) what is their respective pay and grade ;

(c) whether there was any proposal to enhance the scale ;

(d) (i) whether Government has done anything in that direction;

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(*ii*) if so, what;

(*e*) whether if the answer is in the affirmative, the scale has come into effect?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) 2 Section Superintendents and 19 Work Superintendents.

(*b*) Rs. 40—60 for Section Superintendents and Rs. 25—40 for Work Superintendents.

(*c*) The question of revision of pay of the Work Superintendents was considered before and dropped on financial grounds.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No answer is necessary.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* May I know what was the recommendation of the Chief Engineer when the matter was considered.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That cannot be disclosed.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL"—"OUR ROADS"

127. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have read the article on page 1 of the "Malabar Mail" dated, 24th June 1943 under the caption "Our roads" (നമ്മുടെ റോഡുകൾ) by പഥികൻ (way-farer);

(*b*) the action taken by Government to improve the roads referred to therein?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Two Roads have been mentioned in this article, *viz.*, The Perumanur road in the Ernakulam Town and the Hill Palace road.

The Perumanur road has been now transferred to the P. W. D. from the Municipality. The necessary immediate repairs have been done to it since, and arrangements have been made for thoroughly repairing it.

The Hill Palace road is in fair condition.

PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, TRICHUR

128. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether representations have been made in regard to the disturbances and difficulties. experienced by the Public Library and Reading Room, located in the Town Hall Buildings, Trichur on days of Public Functions in the Town Hall;

(*b*) whether suggestion have been made by the Library Authorities to get over the difficulties;

(*c*) whether any inquiry been made into the matter; and

(*d*) whether any measures have been taken to remove the difficulty?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A suggestion to put in collapsible steel shutters at the entrances to the rear room from the Library hall was made.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Due to war conditions the question of putting up steel shutters was found to be a costly item. Further the putting up of steel shutters will mar the beauty of the interior. The putting up of wooden shutters will not harmonise with the design to the building.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether in answer (d), "steel shutters" means "collapsible iron gates?"

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Collapsible steel shutters.

Mr. M. Krishna Monon *(Trichur-North):* Was there not a suggestion to put half panelled shutters between the Foyer and the Crush hall?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Such works of having more shutters in the building was found to be not suitable for that.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Hon'ble member had any occasion to notice the difficulty in the Public Library and Reading Room when public functions are held in the Town Hall?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Those occasions are very rare.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether in such occasions the entrances from the Foyer could not be closed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* To get the proper atmosphere it is necessary to go through the main entrance. On these days, I suggested to the authorities that the reading room should be shifted to the pressroom which is also to the south of the main hall, and they could read newspapers.

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